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MEDIA RELEASE

Lake County Sheriff's Office Releases Smartphone App

Sheriff John D. Idleburg is proud to announce the release of a new mobile application for the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The app is available as a free download from the iPhone and Android app stores.

The app's timely release will mean the availability of alerts, news, and resources of importance to the Lake County community in the palm of one's hand.

Users of the app who live in a village where the sheriff's office provides contractual policing (Volo, Long Grove, Deer Park, Beach Park, North Barrington, and Lake Barrington) will have the ability to opt-in for alerts in their specific community. Additionally, all Lake County residents will have the ability to opt-in to countywide alerts and news from the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

While 911 should always be the primary method of reporting an emergency situation, the 'Submit a Tip' feature enables members of the community to submit a crime tip directly to the sheriff's office. The tip can be sent anonymously or with contact information, along with photos.

To make it easier for the community to obtain documents, app users will have the ability to easily file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request directly via the app.

Under 'Jail Information,' users can utilizes the 'Inmate Search' function. There is additional information on the Lake County Jail, visitation, how to put funds in an inmate's account, bonding information and more.

Search for sexual offenders (provided by Offender Watch) on an easy to access map or by list. Other important features include obtaining accident/police reports, careers, and press releases. Read and share social media posts from the Lake County Sheriff's Office via Facebook & Twitter news links.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Before taking office and upon taking office, I heard it loud and clear - our community desires full transparency and easy access to the sheriff's office. This app is another major step forward in providing easy two-way communication with the community we serve. Whether it is breaking news, a road closure, or a planned event – you can receive this information in an instant, in the palm of your hand."

Search <u>Lake County Sheriff's Office IL</u> to download the mobile app onto your smartphone or tablet. It is available free of charge from the iOS and Google Play (Android) app stores.

For more information, contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office: 847-377-4000

Lake County IL Sheriff's Office mobile app link: https://apps.myocv.com/share/a49760085

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